

## Verbatim Comments

The following comments were collected, online from July 9-31, 2016, as well as on-street and on the sounding board from July 21-August 10, 2016. These comments were analyzed in conjunction with the snapshot #1 verbatim comments to determine the top emerging themes for each question.

### Why is Chinatown special to you?

Bigger Chinatown

More shops to attract people Welcomes new Development but keep ground floor units to be pedestrian oriented with unique Chinese heritage

More parking for future redevelopment

We go for restaurants

I grew up in Chinatown. A lot of my childhood memories are there! Vc

The streets are nice to walk along

People are friendly & helpful and polite

I play badminton & table tennis at cultural ctr.

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Sensible housing.

Old ladies selling things on the corner street.

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I get the food I like.

I have no particular feelings about Chinatown, but it's been part of the downtown for a long time.

Culture diversity

Restaurants and shops.

Lack of parking (too expensive)

It is a home or a place that resembles home for a lot of Chinese descendants

Chinese Canadian History

A place with language support for good dining, shopping and visits –A place to love for many seniors who need that

To showcase culture diversity and fun

First generation Chinese Canadian love the area, but needs more development, even 30 story buildings and parking

people can get to know about chinese culture

I like this 'hood more than anyone, I went to public school here, feel a connecting but no reason to come

Used to come for language lessons & shopping w/ mom/dad (back in the day). Need

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Hopefully we'll build a new Chinatown featuring both Chinese and western cultures and with Chinese characteristics. Increase medical facilities and clinics.

Sense of comfort      Convenience      World's cleanest Chinatown

Because we are all Chinese

Unique cultural zone in ideal location with fantastic potential and great existing retail.

I love that I see elderly Chinese people, young people, business people all in Chinatown because the area can appeal to such a cross-section of the population for different reasons, but all the reasons revolve around the Chinese culture. I also love that there are little shops and grocery stores where I can pick up items for dinner on my way home from work without having to go home and drive to Safeway.

Good food. Historical alley.

The Chinese restaurants, bubble tea shops, grocery stores and other shops. I like the culture and the buildings.

Just go down to see events down at the Cultural centre or have dim sum/dinners at the restaurant.

I enjoy the condensed cultural aspect of Chinatown and the business located there.

I grew up going there with my mom and visited my grandma there. We used to go on a weekly basis for food after church on sat nights. We also love the Chinese food there and unique clothes.

It is a place with unique culture. It is somewhere I can find favorable food and somewhere I feel connected to.

Good food, events every so often. Cheaper rents in the area allow good restaurants to serve food for similar prices as the suburbs.

As a Calgarian-born of Chinese descent, Chinatown is a place that family gathered during special occasions. It is a small part of Calgary that represents a part of my own culture.

heritage, a place that I can identify with, a place where I can get food that is familiar to me.

While I appreciate and respect its importance to the Chinese community, it does not hold special importance to me personally.

Cultural significance for my family. My spouse and in-laws are Chinese. I go to Chinatown for Hong Kong-style/Cantonese food, to the Chinese Cultural Society for Cantonese language classes and to celebrate Chinese/Lunar New Year.

It has a lot of historical culture and cute shops

It's the main gateway into downtown Calgary via the center street bridge and the amount of people who use this area and travel through it each day means it's an important part of the city. That coupled with the fact it's prime riverfront property with a large impact on our skyline it's very important to me.

It has a unique architecture and is a historical/cultural reminder of our past and our heritage. It provides an element of cultural diversity.

"Calgary heritage Place to celebrate family events Place to gather with friends to share a Chinese meal Provides cultural diversity in the city center Convenient place to shop for Chinese products Site of interest to attract/increase tourism to the city Great place to stop for drinks/food for people who walk/run/ride bikes along Calgary's pathway/riverfront"

I am Canadian (Calgary) born Chinese. Chinatown holds many memories for me of the only connection to my culture outside of my home. I grew up in an upper middle class neighborhood with no friends of Asian descent. Our weekly visits to Chinatown gave my parents and their friends to teach their children old values and traditions.

China town is a very important area in Calgary history. Government should help that area to keep this culture. This is part of the root in historic Calgary.

Chinatown is special because it's such a unique and historical part of Calgary that still isn't well known among non-Chinese people. I love seeing the historical character of the streets and visiting the small shops selling unique goods and most of all, eating delicious food at all the restaurants.

It is a limited area which symbolizes the heritage of only one of Calgary's many ethnic cultures. Not of significance to me personally.

It is so vibrant! A rich crural identity, architecture and different restaurants and spaces. So many fond memories of Chinatown over the years

Great food, unique shopping options, cool and distinct urban character.

Last remaining actual Chinatown. Iconic. Destination point regular and for bringing visitors. Community.

Chinatown is a piece of my heritage. I bring my children down there regularly to support the businesses that I grew up with and to help my children understand their roots.

Been there since i was a kid, love the food, feels like an authentic cultural hub in calgary

It's a unique area in the city rich with history and heritage.

Great food.

Dim sum!

It is where i grew up

For four generations of my family Chinatown has been a focal point of traditional Canadian-Chinese culture, services, resources, and commerce.

I grew up in the suburbs but my family owned a store in Chinatown and every weekend I was in and around the area. My Grandmother still lives there.

It is a symbol representing the heritage of Chinese Canadian, and promoting cultural diversity. It's also part of the history of Calgary.

Because of the food, the riverfront downtown location.

It is not really and actually it stands out to me as a dirty place with empty stores. Chinese culture is kinda cool, but I'm not sure the mentality of Chinese people is aligned with Canadian health and environmental values.

It is part of the community - part of any city's landscape. Almost every country has it. I admire their culture, arts and traditions. I am part Chinese. Love their food!

I am Chinese. It is huge part of my cultural heritage.

Variety of food and services. Small business that cater to the community by continuously providing goods we need.

Chinatown is special to me because my social activities are 90% there.

Chinatown is a part of my heritage, childhood and ongoing connection to my culture. As a second generation Chinese Vietnamese refuge, my parents came to Calgary with nothing and was able to find comfort in Chinatown. It was here that they were able to begin to build thier lives, with the support of

their peers and culture as they embarked on a whole new journey. Chinatown was their sanctuary and it continues to be for many many of our Chinese elders. As the Chinese generations becomes more diversified, I am finding myself, only a second generation, losing touch with my language and culture. often I find myself flocking to Chinatown for the foods of my childhood, to celebrate Chinese New Years and will be hosting my own wedding in Chinatown in respect and honor to my parents.

I use to learn martial arts and Chinese when I was a kid. Lots of childhood memories there, such as learning how to paint plastic models, bubble tea and buying chinese comic books and dvd

We've been visiting Chinatown since I was a child. Even though we didnt live there, it was an important hub to our heritage and "cultural" services. I attended Chinese school there, and we did alot shopping and community activities there. Chinatown is a portal to my heritage and roots, is a tourist spot and has the potential to be an even more lively place.

It is nice to step into their culture , like the museum at the Chinese Cultural centre and being able to celebrate cHinese New year .

History and family ties

Unique cultural aspects. It is one of the few truly "ethnic" neighborhoods in Calgary. Unique shopping and restaurants are available in Chinatown. No big chain retail outlets reside in Chinatown making it unique.

I remember china town being a vibrant community back in the 60s and 70s. Filled with families and quirky stores bursting with exotic smells. My sister and I used to spend a morning eating dim sum and wandering through the shops buying lovely ceramic bowls and teas. It has lost the feeling of community.

"- history - culture - traditional Chinese architecture - incredible food"

Great food! Beautiful buildings (e.g., the Chinese Cultural Centre)

My heritage

Good food, restaurant that fits my taste

I am a Chinese, been living in Canada for 41 years. A feeling of at home.

Historical significance, memories from school trips

it shows Calgary's diversity and multiculturalism

It is unique to Calgary, a historical part of Calgary and a great place to visit or eat. The LIONS GATE BRIDGE is also a great historical bridge

It offers a real chinese experience.

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It has been a favourite place to visit since childhood. We love to visit the shops and take in the sights & smells so unique to Chinatown. It's like being transported to a mini Hong Kong while still being in Calgary.

"Chinatown is a living monument to the accomplishments that helped Calgary and Alberta realize our current national success. It is also a crucial social, cultural, and economic foothold for Calgary's international future. As a community developed on (now) prime CBD real estate along major transportation routes, Chinatown and Calgary have a commingled opportunity to thrive into the future, if development proceeds correctly."

I went to Chinese school in Chinatown; when I was growing up, my family would often bring me down to have lunch; it was the hang-out place during my junior high and high school years with many fond memories.

Chinatown provides a different aspect to the city, it gives Calgary a more cultural feel.

It's major history for Calgary.

The restaurants used to be fantastic but now they are fair at best. I would enjoy the restaurants and culture more if things were not so run down

The culture and the many major Asian culture there.

I do like that the Chinese community still has a cultural hub, we enjoy spending time there and eating at some of our favourite restaurants.

I can feel traditional Chinese culture, extraordinary building with decoration, which I cannot find anywhere else in Calgary.

"Because it represents the Chinese Culture which is very important to the Chinese and I support them wholeheartedly. I am Canadian but I was born in North Ireland and I understand what your Culture means to you. By letting the Chinese people"

"I live across the river from Chinatown and that makes this area so accessible for me. I love to look and shop for different items and enjoy wondering around the area. AND the FOOD - love the interesting textures and flavours, sometimes unusual, - what more can one say about the food - great experience everyt time. Chinatown is an important destination and meeting place for many people from the downtown offices also. Thanks for asking."

It's a beautiful part of the city with a deep cultural significance.

This is the root of the Chinese population

I grew up in Calgary and my parents would always take us there for the events there. There's a lot of memories of my late grandparents. It's a special place for my family.

Not at all, it should be demolished and rebuilt for something else. As a Chinese Canadian, it is a shame what how we perceived that what Chinatown looks like now. It represents something not really what china was, is, and will be.

Important part of every city

The Calgary Chinatown is not the largest or most complex, besides that, it consists of the history and heritage of Chinese Canadians in western Canada. The Calgary Chinatown functions as a centre of holding social activities. Besides that, why the Chinese language is being translated into the simplified Chinese? It should be in traditional Chinese.

The Calgary Chinese community members have been great stewards of our YYC Chinatown. I love the authenticity of the streets, stores and businesses and the warm welcome we always experience from everyone. I also appreciate that the buildings have been lowrise making the connection with the Bow very pleasant.

Everything

The architecture, the senior residence buildings, the church, the chinese restaurants and shops. It is a well recognized and historical landmark.

My family lived in Chinatown when we first moved to Calgary 37 years ago. Growing up and living in Calgary for the majority of my life, I have seen Chinatown change however the layout and many of the buildings remain the same and are imprinted into my memories of my childhood. Now as an adult, I happen to work in Livingston Place which is a part of Chinatown. Funny how life circles back to where it all began.

A great cultural area

"Dining Specialty food Chinese groceries Chinese bakery"

it preserve our culture in one place, we can eat and shop Chinese produce in China town. a place that represent Chinese history in Calgary.

As an Asian-Canadian, I was born and raised in Calgary and have spent a good percentage of my childhood in Chinatown whether it's dining, shopping or dropping in for a haircut.

It's Ina beautiful location in Calgary and an important part of Calgary' history and cultural identity.

An opportunity to experience the Chinese culture

River Access, Dense and vibrant neighbourhood, Restaurant and bakery

Unique

great food

It is one of the areas of town that has managed to retain its distinct, authentic cultural flavour and lifestyle.

Unique in terms of culture, design, and social construct within an easily accessible area. Like many cities, it represents an area that is set aside from the typical over-zealous capitalist ideal and brings you back to human-scaled reality.

Love the old buildings and cultural diversity.

A historical place with pockets of beauty and unique culture.

It's a cultural district. These are important areas to nurture as the city continues to grow. They are what gives Calgary character.

Area closest to me that has good dim sum and shops. And the best Chinese bakery (Diamond bakery).

It is the entrance to the downtown core. It's an important foot traffic corridor, and a driving corridor.

"- Chinese heritage - celebration of Chinese culture - uniqueness"

It's cute and they have the best stores and restaurants!

There are some good foods.

My extended family is Chinese so it's an important area for them.

Dim sum, cultural exposure, place to purchase Asian products.

Connection to heritage, buy ethnic goods, eat at restaurants

"- Best place to get good bubble tea - The restaurants are open later - Has unique feel/Architecture - Near river"

I love the intersection of culture, heritage buildings, street art, proximity to the river, restaurants, and special events. It is unique setting in Calgary

It is historical and has real character from that history.

Its has interesting things to see

It has all the Chinese shops conveniently located in one area. Although the area is getting older, it is also an important part of the makeup of downtown Calgary. Minor adjustment can be made but removal of Chinatown would feel as if we are removing Olympic Plaza or the Calgary Tower.

It has a special cultural character that should be maintained since Calgary as a city is seriously deficient in culture. It is also of historical significance in a city that does not have much in the way of historical monuments.

Unique part of the city.



Almost every city in the world has a Chinatown, it is part of history, it is of a darker past but nowadays it adds a vibrant energy to any city if it is done correctly. Many of these eatery and shops cannot be found elsewhere as well as many Chinese organizations that call it home. Sometimes even though small it reminds people of home, the hustle and bustle, small shops and familiar faces, always important to be reminded of history and where some people have come from.

It's Chinatown, and it's a place where you can be comfortable buying Chinese ingredients for groceries and not be an outsider if you're Chinese.

Chinatown is special to me because it's part of who I am, it is my background as part Chinese.

It's a pocket of "different" when you're stuck in concrete hell.

It's a place of cultural diversity where Chinese celebrations are held (ie. CNY). For seniors, it's a great place for them to gather and bond and feel inclusive of the society. It's a great little gem in downtown Calgary that is clean (compared to other Canadian Chinatowns).

It's nice to have a diverse, mixed-use neighbourhood right in downtown. Also I grew up on egg-custard tarts and steamed buns, and I learned to enjoy trying new foods in the groceries and herb stores in Chinatown.

It is a unique cultural space in Calgary

Cultural experience.

Beautiful culture

It's a nice break from the westernization of Calgary's downtown core, architecturally and historically.

It isn't. But it is nice I guess.

Chinatown is a unique blend of old school Chinese and a plethora of new immigrants trying to revive the area for the younger crowd. As a Chinese Born Canadian (CBC), Chinatown has always been a unique place to congregate and spend time with other Chinese people. It brings us closer to our parents and grandparents heritage, that we CBC's identify with yet never have experienced. It is a little spot in Calgary that has the taste, feel and look of old Hong Kong, China and strong memories for many of the first generation Chinese.

A place for any Calgarian to experience Chinese culture, also great food at great prices!

It reminds me of being in Asia. It is different than the rest of the city and the rest of downtown.

It's in the middle of downtown.

I am Chinese, it's part of my heritage.

It is where I live and I want it to remain an accessible, pedestrian based family friendly neighbourhood.

Unique part of Calgary that provides a special flavour and diversity in a downtown core that is relatively homogeneous (office towers, expensive condos) and quiet on weekends. Chinatown has a different

rhythm compared to nearby streets, with street-level activity, small businesses, a mix of older and younger residents and shoppers.

It has its own character and environment. It is a distinct neighborhood, not just buildings or shops, its Chinese culture is the unifying theme.

### **What are the most important issues facing Chinatown today? How do you think we can address these issues?**

Fear the crime Especially the Car park

Driving is an issue, people running stop signs

Kickup a notch on cultural characteristic

More festivals that are fun and inclusive to everyone

Careful landuse and redevelopment plan

-> Need a Master Plan for chinatown to thrive for Calgary

Lack of parking but also no real draw to the area

More parking and a police station in china town

Safety (crimes)

Cleanliness

Safety (walkability)

Graffiti

More interesting mom/pop shops

More and more residents

Parking

Fun things to do

Reduce graffiti & crime

Parking for non0residents need to be included in new developments

Any new development should take on a Chinese (hong Kong) architectural theme.

It's stagnant but not much room to grow

Parking –not enough & too expensive

Value the existing buildings

+15 over 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave & centre st. – safety issue

If area to be redeveloped keeping the façade is a must.

Parking. Everyone drives in from elsewhere so spots are limited. It's also very expensive to park.

LOOKS DEPRESSING! NEED A TOTAL OVERHAUL.

Parking is horrible. Illegal parking + difficult to get a spot

Winter city covered places

Need

- mixed Asian. Phillipian people

- good food

- convenient parking

- Entertainment

- LRT Station

- Local residents & visitor's needs

- Environment like T&T Market with various businesses

- winter city needs inside mall

immigration settlement social programming

Downtown Area at Chinatown

Food Market -> Chinatown destination.

It is dirty all the time

Security there are junkies + safety all the time.

Control the traffic, bikes & cars. Follow the rules!!

Derelict buildings (Indo-Sino building)

Parking is hard

Bus #300 just have one stop in Chinatown. No stop for the other direction.

Not enough credence given to Chinese history in Calgary's Chinatown.

A lot of developments around Chinatown. Some historical buildings have been changed. Old buildings can be replaced. Rental might be go up with new bldgs.

Clear out building at corner of 1<sup>st</sup> St / 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Vacant building not beneficial to community.

Application parking lot does not drain well / water stands on site.

There should be more resources for people that live in/on the street.

Crowded.

The new development should include Chinese characters & have Chinese stores at the ground floor. Should have more wholistic planning for Chinatown.

Need more residential presence. Critical mass to support commercial.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ave is transition zone. An office tower development is not right. Mixed use like Telus sky, key!

Should have diversity such as mix use, larger residential units

Bike & pedestrian control. No consequences to texting & biking

Homeless & drug dealers

- recording story – where? – gallery of Chinatown – museum of Chinese & Canadian

Problem with homeless not using public washrooms

Clean up! Clean up!

Limited parking, Chinese shops outside Chinatown, Chinese restaurants outside Chinatown

Keeping the culture and food traditional – and not westernizing it or watering it down

- Underutilized / underdeveloped space between East Village & Chinatown – should consider how to better connect w/surrounds

No parking

- Limited parking – maintenance of data & coming identity – space to cont to develop

-more activities

-Clean up! Clean up! Particularly centre street.

-bigger building. Develop community centre

With both Chinese and Western cultures

Create a street with stores specialized in Chinese goods →Bring together Chinese medicine practitioners in Chinatown

- Lack of organization in various event planning – promotion of senior participation – activities with Chinese flavour such as Chinese chess or Mahjong

Immigration Settlement Social Program

→Provide job opportunities      Reduce language requirements →Immigration Settlement Social Program

How to maintain the unique characteristics of Chinese culture? So that this region is different from others in the downtown area?

Property management of apartment buildings needs to be improved

We need to build more low-rent housing, smaller suites, with necessary everyday facilities but not too many sports facilities that the elderly won't use

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic clash with each other. Hopefully the traffic would be better organized.

Many Chinese seniors live in Chinatown, so it's very important to provide more convenient facilities to the elderly!

Seniors' clinics and medical facilities need to be taken into consideration in the new plan!

Childcare facilities need to be improved, taking into account of natural lighting, ventilation and intergenerational enjoyment.

Hopefully not too many high-rises in Chinatown

We need more multilingual signs, road signs for direction! Especially signs for bus stops, Chinese!

How to attract more young people to use this area?

How to handle the relationship between this region and Bow River? Flood drainage measures?

How to deal with vacant shops and revive the business atmosphere?

Hopefully there is a street for Chinese specialty foods, including a variety of foods from Northern and Southern China

The existing cultural life is too monotonous. Addition of a variety of entertainments with cultural characteristics is needed, such as: Go.

The government needs to oversee and manage the usage of senior welfare programs and improve their effectiveness.

- Unique building facade with character [REDACTED] - can participate in the autumn workshop

- Fully take into consideration the impact of the overall architecture on surrounding area – 30-storey is too high – similar appearance to the apartment buildings on the same block (15 layers) – When viewed from the river, the new buildings cannot be higher than existing buildings

We need more Chinese atmosphere

1 We need some more shops selling Chinese goods 2 We need more awareness on scams targeting the elderly 3 More care facilities for the elderly.

Chinatown needs development · modernization · catching up with the rest of the world → showcase Canadian Multiculturalism

Chinatown needs Chinese characteristics and should be clean (streets + inside the buildings)

business          Parking problem. Because no parking, so not coming. 多些restaurant

Not very busy. Needs more businesses. Parking problem. Because no parking, so not coming. More restaurants.

The street-level corridors should be interlinked. Each block is separated and not connected. It is inconvenient for seniors and tourists alike. Not integrated enough.

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I am not yet well enough informed to answer this question, although, according to the most recent census data I have read, it is a very low income area (like east village prior to cmlc).

"- Old buildings - Safety of seniors - Conservation of Chinese culture"

Hostile attitude toward cyclists. Shops that would benefit from pedestrian thoroughfares but instead have small, cramped roadway spaces between them.

"Some of the buildings are empty and/or need a face lift. Perhaps the rent is high in this area so not as many businesses can afford to be in Chinatown. I feel like Chinatown could be bigger with all buildings no longer empty. There are definitely some parking challenges as well. In addition, some people feel they have the right to park on the sidewalk which is odd."

Lack of parking. Business don't get enough customers.

The efforts by big business to change the face of Chinatown. Don't allow the construction of LARGE residential or office towers and require all new buildings constructed to have a Chinese nature to them.

"Businesses are closing so not a lot of places to shop. Having more stores would be nice. More events could attract more people. I know that in the Vancouver Chinatown, the homeless population is very aggressive so no one wants to visit there. It is not the case for Calgary but if there are preventative measures somehow to ensure that it does not happen in Calgary, that would be great."

"We need more young people in Chinatown, it is necessary for young people to feel they are proud of this space. If people don't feel connected to the community, they would not care for the community. Adding modern and interesting elements into Chinatown while respecting the culture can make the place very unique. For example, if there are places where youth can participate in creative art, performing art or have a gathering place, it may be an attraction to them. Chinatown should also have some infrastructure to give it a unique outlook, just talking out loud, the windows of the Canton Block can all be repainted red with lanterns hanging down, it will be very nice and can become a place unique. Tourist may want to come to photo shoot. There are murals all around Chinatown, I can see people going there to take pre-wedding pictures and some of those pictures are found on magazines, if we have more of these streetscape, it can be another attraction. Of course, the kind of businesses can be more diversified. If we want to make it a tourist attraction, there must be something tourists want to see and buy. However, one of the challenges for Chinatown is parking. I don't prefer to go to Chinatown on weekdays when parking is expensive, so making parking more affordable can attract more people to stop by."

Rising rents. Please don't concede to those who wish to keep things stagnant. All that can do is the opposite effect, of reducing commercial space availability and causing increased rents in what does exist. Ensure that development isn't too "high-end" so as to price out local vendors (food, etc).

"Many of the buildings are old, and run down. Also many commercial spaces are vacant. I feel like Chinatown as a whole is on the decline because it doesn't look like a nice place to run a business. I think

a lot of the old buildings need to be torn down to make room for newer ones. I look at Vancouver's Chinatown as a primary example of what happens when the development of a Chinatown stagnates; less people visit, which means crime increases and shops move out to Richmond because it is cleaner and safer. Vancouver Chinatown is in an awful state, and I would not like to see that happen to Calgary Chinatown."

lack of shops/commercial. empty malls

"1. Trash: I've observed a lot of trash lying on the roadsides during my walks though it. I think this can be addressed by giving more attention to the cleanliness of the area. 2. Lack of a proper supermarket in the area 3. I wouldn't take friends from out of town to see it or eat there (tried a few restaurants and they weren't good)"

Age of buildings (beginning to look run down), availability of parking, cultural preservation (I.e. language classes, classes & activities for family & children)

Parking spaces, or cheaper parking, maybe a parking lot just for cars so they don't take up as much street parking, or free parking in the lots after 7

There is too many old, dirty and unkept places in and around China town. The area needs to be rejuvenated and cleaned up with new store fronts and mix-use developments where people can actually work eat and shop in the area. I believe adding additional mix-use buildings in the area would be beneficial to the entire area as more people would be working, eating and shopping. The base of these buildings could have more than one floor of retail. Also an emphasis on more affordable residential homes in the area would get more youth and vitality in the area which is needed.

Some parts are a bit run down. Modernize but preserve the cultural flavour.

"Buildings are run down and there is no incentives for property owners to enhance their properties with low to negative economy return on new investments. The city authorities should relax building restrictions and provide grants and/or incentives for property redevelopment. Basic criteria for redevelopment or building enhancement should be drawn up to provide equal opportunities to all stakeholders instead of review/approval/public opinion on individual projects. Criteria for redevelopment should include sufficient public facilities such as parking, green space, gardens and residential/commercial ratio. Residential and commercial facilities should be for market value with the view to beautify and modernize the City of Calgary as a whole. Development of low cost residential and commercial properties should be deterred for this prime downtown location."

I think my greatest fear is that Chinatown will become obsolete because of the expanding nature of Calgary and its suburbs. Yes, we can find everything outside of Chinatown, but there is something special about the community down there. I find it sad that bubble tea shops can afford the rent, but favourite noodle joints and fruit markets can barely keep up. I would like to see a revitalization of the neighborhood with continued affordable housing and programs for seniors, programs for youth and a community centre like in other areas of the city.

Government should help and keep all old buildings and landmarks

The most important issues facing Chinatown are becoming more well-known outside of the Chinese community. I'm still discovering new restaurants now and I'm there all the time. They need more

publicity to help non-Chinese people discover Chinatown. Also I wish the shops had more items that people want to buy, I'm always worried about the health of the small businesses there and worry they don't get enough traffic. I think to address these issues, they should invest in publicizing the unique restaurants and shops in Chinatown through social media and traditional media outlets or a self-guided tour of Chinatown with clearly stated hours. Places like Auntie's Chinese Burgers or Kim Chi House are such unique gems, I would love them to get more attention from everyone.

Justifying its existence and merging with the surrounding community. Major developments/buildings could attempt to design their frontage facing Chinatown to merge with the area while other sides of the building are more conservative.

I would hate to see it razed for more soulless office space etc. I think preserving the history culture and personality of chinatown is vital.

The area could use a bit more bustle, and could stand to grow a bit. Some unnecessary stretches of surface parking lots that could be put to better use.

Keeping it together

People really want to enjoy Chinatown, you can really see this when they put on their annual Chinatown festival in August. I think that the costs of running a business and parking are preventing the businesses from thriving.

Some areas need to be revitalized to match the newer surroundings.

an important issue that china town is facing is price in parking also it is run down not enough investors. not sure how to address this issue ... move chinatown?

"small buildings is a mistake, just gonna keep pricing everyone out. the only way to keep it going is to attract WAY more business, retail, restaurant, housing, schools/daycares, etc. for that, there needs to be WAY more vertical spaces. could use a supermarket, daiso, 24hr eatery, increased seniors housing, candy shop, daycares/after-school programs, more serious kung fu studios/gyms, radio stations, medical centre, family planning, modern book stores, gardening/landscaping centre, etc. the ones that we have now are stagnant and underinvested because not enough traffic to stay fresh. Chinatown should be less about maintaining a museum of architecture and more about being a focal point of traditional Canadian-Chinese culture, services, resources, and commerce. get rid of simplified text - Chinatown should not perpetuate axioms of the communist cultural revolution."

"The general population of Chinatown is made up of mostly seniors and low income families. Low income housing would help new immigrants and help the seniors find a place to live."

stores lack of diversity. hard to park. providing more well planned/designed parking could help to draw more customers. providing more affordable residential units may help to bring more customers to the stores and vitalize Chinatown. also add more public space for activities, improve public space design, add more public arts related to Chinese culture. Diversify the uses in this area, e.g. galleries, souvenir shops, community meeting space that could be rent out to downtown businesses, etc. I really think parking and traffic is a big issue that affects the use of the area.



The streets, the business and the environment are outdated. There are less and less reasons to go there. Need to attract more people to go there, either through unique shopping, or authentic food, day and night activities, gathering places. I like the food market in Taiwan, and the alleys in Melbourne.

Its dirty and empty and is not welcoming to people who speak English. We need more of a hybrid Chinatown that everyone can enjoy.

I do not think it has really grown since we immigrated 6 years ago. I would like to see more Chinese shops and restaurants. Incentives must be given (if not) to retain and attract more authentic Chinese businesses. Aside from the cultural center and the temple, there must be more attractions to see to further understand their culture. I would like to see more authentic Chinese shows, plays, music in a Chinese Theater where performances are available throughout the year. Have these advertised regularly not just through Chinese publications but also through regular publications and via OMNI channel. Fire more Calgarians to be more aware of these, contribute more and be involved more, offer more access to study their language and martial arts. Offer these not only in downtown or in NE recreation centres but in all quadrants!

Expensive parking makes it undesirable for some to go to Chinatown more often to support the local businesses. Many businesses have closed due to not enough business.

"Traffic and parking are problem. It certainly appears that Calgary Parking Authority is owned by Car2Go nowadays. City transit bus route #419 running between Foothills and Parkhills was conveniently designed to by passed Chinatown. We wonder what is the intent? For two more blocks, between First Street SW to First Street SE, along 2nd Ave South and 3rd Ave South, route 419 would have a lot of appreciative rider. We also ask City of Calgary's By-Law enforcement to do not only issuing parking tickets in Chinatown but also issuing tickets for littering of cigarette buds offenders. We would appreciate to see any action."

It looks very run down and dirty. Needs some renovation.

The gentrification of Chinatown across the world is the issue. I'm terrified to think what our Chinatown will look like in 10 years. I love that the city is doing what they can however I'm afraid that the people that matter the most, those who live in Chinatown cannot speak for themselves because of language barriers. Consulting with the residents here in thier language is key to preserving Chinatown. We need to treat Chinatown as a historic site and preserve or amend our buildings instead of building up and around it. We need to build up our Chinatown not around it. perhaps it's a simple as appointing an ambassador or looking at restoring the aging buildings. Whatever it is, we need meaningful acknowledgement from the city that this is important and worth saving.

there are less and less people going there. most people go to harvest hills or pacific mall in the ne. I think because there are not enough attractions to keep people's interest in Chinatown. I would think if we can promote the Chinese culture in Chinatown, we can attract more people.

Calgary Chinatown is facing a shrinking presence like most other North American Chinatowns. I think the City can address this issue by revisiting the ARP with community input from both inside and outside of Chinatown. I think there needs to be careful thought around how things are being approved/developed, otherwise we could risk losing a cultural historic hub. I personally did not know that Livingston Place is

considered being part of Chinatown. I work in that building and would have never associated "Chinatown" with that.

The encroaching development/office tower streetscape. I believe historical preservation of buildings is paramount and has been long ignored in Calgary's past. More incentives to develop local mom and pop shops to preserve/create a unique dining and shopping experience. Walking around Chinatown there isn't too many places to comfortably sit and hang out on the street.. focus on landscaping, streets, more lighting at night will create a more vibrant pedestrian environment.

"I think there is a lack of parking and people do not feel safe at night due to previous shooting in Chinatown. I don't find the stores attractive to me, the owners are not friendly when you ask for information on their products ."

Encroaching development in an already high density planning district. Should it have its own special planning designation (hybrid with heritage aspects?)

Development in Chinatown has 'stalled' over the past number of years, while development in the downtown core and other locations in the City has flourished. It is my understanding that residents and individuals of prominence ("the Chinatown Community") have made it difficult for developers to construct developments that are economically feasible and work within the confines of the existing ARP. Often the Chinatown Community want 15 story "squat" large floor buildings that are visually unappealing. Developers, the City Planning Department and the Chinatown Community have to work together cooperatively on proposed development for various sites that include a good mix of multi residential, commercial and retail spaces. Look at height restrictions' of 22 stories that make it more feasible for developers to construct, however do not shade the Bow River. Make the buildings visually appealing, not have large "squat" floor plates, and incorporate an Asian motif around the main floors of the developments. Ensure that the developments contain adequate parking for occupants and visitors, as well as adequate loading facilities for occupants.

Victoria has a fun Chinatown with secret back alley shops that feel clean and safe. Chinatown needs a vision for development that includes keeping some of the historical buildings. I like the music centre that kept the old hotel as part of the plan. Maybe close off some streets to traffic and create places for events and people to gather.

It is a dying district. It needs revitalization. There needs to be more foot traffic. There are all sorts of dead zones, abandoned sites, and massive parking lots. There is no cohesive policy around gateways to the district. Also, it appears that the area is unwilling to modernize. The fact that there is a massive seniors' population, most of which does not speak English well, is a huge challenge going forward. There needs to be an effective balance of traditional culture on the one hand and commerce on the other.

Not enough free parking. Need more green space. Need better side walks (not chipped ones, please).

"I find the lack of parking space as a challenge and hazard (there are spaces where people are blocked in). I've not studied urban planning, so do not have an idea of how to increase parking in the already crowded area. The brick front to the stores could be cleaned up."

The old buildings make China Town look sketchy. Especially with all the new buildings around China Town, going to Chinatown seems a bit clustered, old. The streets also feel cramped.

Parking is an issues. More parking, not more building.

Parking

Proximity to river and consequences of 2013 floods, gentrification and high-income development

its unkempt appearance, it goes from very modern i.e. the new Chinese multicultural centre to very unkempt i.e. along centre street

"China town's most important issue is like the rest of areas built in the flood plain. How to lessen the effects of flooding and to update and protect buildings that were damaged in the flood. The people that live in China town should have the FINAL SAY in the development of China town. CITY HALL can address the issues in China Town BY ACTUALLY LISTENING TO THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE. (unlike every other project). The people of China Town have always known best how to integrate families. business and tourism in a relatively small area I think they can do a great job of designing an area that works for everyone, CITY HALL AND DEVELOPERS SHOULD LISTEN TO THEM!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

It is too crowded and should be expanded. Have more development. (bigger buildings)

let chinese deal with any expansion not us taxpayers

Maintaining it's unique nature. Being located in the downtown core, it is always facing pressure from those wanting to encroach on its area. Rather than considering projects that will reduce the size of Chinatown, we should be looking at those that embrace its unique cultural strengths and make more of a focal point.

"The most important issue is systematic exclusion of Chinatown residents from substantive and meaningful consultation in city-lead or city-approved development affecting Chinatown residents and stakeholders, in violation of city policies including the Chinatown ARP best practices in consultation. The city can address these issues by committing to proactively fulfilling its obligation to consult, rather than only in response to protracted and public community protest. The second most important issue is the city's lack of policy vision for sustaining 21st century communities and economies. The value of deals and relationships that flow through Chinatown is on the scale of those that are facilitated by the city's Plus-15 network. The city could make more meaningful policy decisions about this area if its administration and elected officials treated Chinatown as (at least) one of Calgary's many regular communities by providing adequate services and attention, instead of doing Chinatown engagements as special events occurring on average once per decade. Ideally, the city builds the cultural and business competence to recognize the many ways in which Chinatown's contributions to the city's social and economic vibrancy (say, in tourism, KIBS, active living and wellness) could be actively promoted and expanded, rather than being actively stifled by city policies that continue to embed decades of institutionalized discrimination."

Aging Infrastructure and lack of new Infrastructure to attract people to go (not residential buildings) lack of businesses as old ones are closing down, expensive parking

The most important issues today is preserving Chinatown from development and elimination. You as the city can help develop it more, preserve the buildings (Chinese cultural centre and the temple) as heritage buildings.

"-parking - should be a historical site, bike lane should not be allowed -government should spend some money to renovate it"

Jaywalking is a major concern. Also illegal parking. Need more enforcement to keep up.

Everything has been left to run down. Restaurants are mediocre the dragon city mall is almost empty of anything worthwhile. More vibrant shops and restaurants would be a good starting point along with removing the sidewalk food vendors which appear to be lacking cleanliness

I would like to see Chinatown bigger than it is and more festivals in the area to bring in business. Would be nice to see more different festivals from different Asian cultures represented in the Chinatown area.

It's very dated and not aging well. I do like some of the historic buildings, but the majority is becoming quite worn and unappealing much like many other Chinatowns in Canada.

Too many tall buildings. It makes people hard to breathe. Please do not destroy Chinese culture in China.

By letting the Chinese people who live there have a say in what should be done in that area. I believe that the City of Calgary should think twice before scheduling a contractor to build high-rise condos, give the land to the Chinese that's what I say.

"Developers who do NOT listen to the concerns of the people who live in Chinatown. It is not fair to ram something 'down their throats' without thinking about how it will affect this community. Let the people decide. This is a special area and certainly does NOT need large developments the community does not want. Let's hope the City of Calgary will work with this community and NOT FOLD to a developer. (the City of Calgary has certainly allowed developers to ruin other areas of Calgary - in my opinion.) Thank you asking."

Safety. More dense neighborhoods/more people living/working in the neighborhood and better lighting will help me feel more safe. I think Chinatown needs more residential buildings (large apartments) with businesses operating at the base.

The recent land use redevelopment will change Chinatown traditional culture - small buildings with Chinese arts and culture. We do not need downtown in Chinatown. We do not need tall buildings in Chinatown that will have negative impact on pedestrian safety and lost the advantage to be the must tourist attraction.

A lot of other businesses are opening up in china town and it's starting to not feel like it used to 30 years ago. We need to eliminate businesses that are not related to the Asian culture from that area. Th city is growing so fast and they should be looking for space outside of this small area to build.

It is an eye sore, get rid of it as soon as possible.

Cleanliness. Bylaws

"The Calgary Chinatown is now facing marginalization and displacement. Some might think that the issue could be resolved by simply and imperiously placing new mix-use sectors in the community;

however, that cannot help preserve the uniqueness of Calgary Chinatown. There's not enough consultation for the public. Besides that, why the Chinese language is being translated into the simplified Chinese? It should be translated into the traditional Chinese. The simplified Chinese has no ground on preserving the tradition and heritage of Chinese culture."

I am concerned that the city will allow developers, willing to pay \$\$\$\$\$ to build high rise monoliths, to take over the area or squeeze the Chinese community out completely. I would not support that direction...not everything in Calgary revolves around East Village!

No large developments...keep it small, keep it quaint. A harmony park and small development, but no large towers !!!

we need to preserve its character. If we just let tall buildings to be built in or around it then it will be just like other parts of downtown.

Lack of pedestrian traffic/streetlife which is likely due to fewer retail/market attractions. Urban sprawl has caused many Chinese-based shops to open in the suburbs which competes with Chinatown and downtown as a whole. If there is some way to bring in a weekly market (groceries, artisans, etc.) to draw people down (discounts for seniors!)...something like Stephen Avenue Mall but on 3rd Ave instead. A good example is Toronto's Chinatown which has an abundance of restaurants, groceries, bakeries, retail vendors, etc. Occasionally there is a community collective market in the Cultural Centre however the location is isolated from the rest of Chinatown. Parking is a huge issue as it is not in the Calgary-culture to ride transit outside of rush hour. Calgarians won't give up their cars and must drive, but also don't want to pay for parking. Maybe there could be a free-parking day once or twice a month on Saturdays. Winters are tough...not sure how to address; maybe promote some Christmas shopping in the area. There has to be a way to draw vendors downtown which will hopefully bring the public as well. If condos are to be built, there should be a policy implemented that states the condo building must have retail space on the main level and second level at a discounted rental rate.

Pedestrian thoroughfares are limited, buildings are very run down with excessive amounts of loose wood materials on roof surfaces, possibly posing a safety hazard in a high wind event.

"busy traffic and people tends to drive fast in the area but lots of senior live in china town and it created some accidents in the area. since China town is located in downtown area and close to river front ,many developer tried to build high-rise building in the area and get profit from it. they try to eliminate or push away the Chinese culture away from downtown."

I truly believe that without the proper vendors who are willing to take a risk in opening (or maintaining) shop in Chinatown, it will never grow or flourish to its full potential. Over the last few decades, I've seen excellent restaurants shut down, boutique shops run down, and general feeling of inactivity and dullness. To rejuvenate Chinatown once again, popular vendors (including restaurantuers) will need to establish itself in the following: Chinese Cultural Centre, Hong Kong Bank Building and Dragon City Mall. Parking in and around Chinatown should also be lowered to become attractive to both locals and tourists. Another popular attraction would be to shut down a portion of Chinatown during the spring/summer and hold an outdoor food festival or night market, similar to what Vancouver does.

Lack of vibrancy, lack of things to see and do.

Derelict buildings, filth, traffic, safety, parking, food inspection lacking, English language signage lacking, lack of quality living space

suburban draw of asian business and living is diluting the vibrancy of chinatown

being over run! Maintain what's there now and establish a buffer for growth of Chinatown only.

I find it very DIRTY,DIRTY DIRTY not safe at all at night I won't go down at night!! It needs a face lift badly.

"Traffic (including parking). During the weekends, this is not as serious an issue but for those of us who go to Chinatown during working hours, it can be quite challenging. Better traffic flow and more parking should be part of the infrastructure changes with the new plan. Also, some of the older stores are in serious need of repair. The City should help these business owners with ways to revamp their facilities."

Crime, run down infrastructure, and general "sketchy-ness"

needs to be more walk-able and have more areas to gather. perhaps easier to provide street events and fairs.

"Transportation (not currently pedestrian or bike-friendly). This can be changed by re-envisioning the whole transportation network in Chinatown to allow for all users. Also, traffic needs to be slowed. Too many people are hurt. Ethnic enclave - while the ethnic history is important (ie: ""Chinatown""), it is at risk of being exclusionary to all Calgarians. Residential should be open to all people and businesses should be ethnically diverse too. Yes, this makes it less Chinese, but it also makes it more welcoming to all."

Crime, inclusiveness, pedestrian friendliness, connectivity, public spaces. It would be nice to have some district identification signage as well.

"Aging population. Approve buildings that allow different demographics to live in Chinatown. Monoculture. Residential should accommodate different demographics and ethnic groups. Parking lots that are prized over development."

China town feels dead. The shops are not inviting. The mall is wasted space. There never seems to be people shopping in the mall. When transitioning from the bridge to China Town to the core, it is not welcoming or inviting. It feels dirty. It's not as walkable as it could be. The sidewalks are narrow and they have awkward steps and uneven pavement. I think more of a promenade feel would benefit China Town and invite non Asians to visit more often. I get that it is trying to mimic China, obviously, however it's in Calgary and there has to be a balance. It feels like a place that is reserved for Chinese Canadians and not a place for all Calgarians to participate in Chinese Canadian culture. I simply do not feel comfortable in China Town, and there is something wrong when a Calgarian does not feel comfortable in their own city.

"- struggle to stay relevant - upkeep, starting to become rundown - issue with attracting tenants - attempt to create own identity"

"Old and messy, a bit dirty Make it more organized and clean"

Keeping Chinatown modern.

Affordable parking, face lift

Decline in the number of businesses (shops and restaurants) in Chinatown. Increase more diverse condo developments which target all income groups and lifestyles (young professionals to low income seniors) to enhance the areas liveliness and viability for businesses at all times of the day for every day of the week.

Chinatown has no defined visible area. It seems to end and begin out of no where. There's few places where you can turn 360 and say this is Chinatown.

I think maybe some of the buildings can look run down. Maybe there are not a diverse amount of things to keep people in chinatown beyond the restaurants, so some more diversity or awareness of other businesses and activities might be needed, as well as more awareness of the cultural centre and what it offers. Could more special events or regular events be help? Artwalks? Culture tours? heritage tours?

Preserving the buildings and eclectic businesses.

Buildings looks its fall in apart when entering from center street

The most important issue is the condition of the infrastructure in Chinatown. It feels like many buildings are in need of an update and space could be used better, especially the block right before Centre St. Bridge. it Would be nice to see more Chinese artworks on display to showcase the vibrant culture and diversity in Calgary.

It is outdated. Not as attractive as it used to be. I attend the Chinese New Year celebrations there every year. I enjoy it but always felt that more could be done for Chinatown to enhance public participation in those events

Over commercial development of high rises that conflict with the nature of the community.

Old buildings, non-functional buildings, it should be modernized as it is taking prime real estate in the core but it MUST remain Chinatown no matter what is being built.

Parking, \$\$ for parking.

The most important issues facing Chinatown today is that that part of the city is neglected because the feeling of being welcome there is not present. I think Chinatown should be renovated and more attractions and effort be put onto it so calgarians can appreciate it more just like Stampede. Stampede is one of our biggest seasonal attractions for locals and outsiders but Chinatown is there all year long. Chinatown is also part of our Chinese community here in Calgary but also the majority of the Asian culture because we share some similarities.

It's getting run down and dated. The sidewalks are too crowded and yet somehow it's not really evocative of a real Chinese town.

Seniors - a lot of these seniors live in Chinatown to stay connected to their heritage and to move them out is a shame. It's a place where people can gather. Some of the stores aren't "Chinese" which is odd considering Chinatown should be a place where it's ethnic. Would be great to have more incentives for people to go visit Chinatown but parking is horrible. Would be awesome to have events in Chinatown (ie. "Taste of Asia")

Aging population. High housing prices, and a loss of housing.

Accessibility and deterioration. Focus on making the streets more bike and pedestrian friendly, increased parking, adding ramps, elevators and automatic doors to buildings to make them accessible.

"Parking. Traffic speeds are high on major streets around Chinatown. Drop off zones would be helpful so elder people can be dropped off while drivers go find parking. Or a free shuttle that travels Chinatown during busy days. Some speed displays on Riverfront Avenue to slow cars down."

Gangs, crime, less residential development in Chinatown

Chinatown needs some more attention. It needs regular maintenance, programming, and in some ways, expansion. To me, Chinatown actually extends all the way up centre street to 16th Ave. If you look at the shops along this street, you see that these businesses are Chinese-centric. It should be developed all the way up to 16th. It would be great for its residences, Calgarians and tourism. Knowing that there are also a lot of seniors who walk in this area, ample and safe pedestrian access should be priority.

"Language issues when it comes to English speaking people. It's fine and great if you're Chinese and/or speak/read Chinese but not the greatest for anyone else."

"Many issues we see range from the simple to the complex; there are many illegal pedestrian crossings that causes traffic accidents. Another concern is housing for senior citizens, as many of the people residing there that are elderly people from China that have no income. The culture in China town is starting to wither away as the younger generations that are drawn to the Chinese communities will move to places like Richmond, Vancouver or Markham, Ontario. We would love to see a revival to incorporate the young and the new. Much like many other cultures, food is one of those common pieces that bring people out to gather and to have fellowship, however the restaurant scene in Chinatown is slowly dying. Many of the staples are being renovated to become office space and or Mexican restaurants."

"Balancing the updating and modernization of Chinatown with keeping history and culture of historic Chinatown. Make more parking available so that Calgarians can easily access Chinatown and all its stores. Right now, difficulty in finding parking is almost like a barrier to entry."

Chinatown is in decline! There aren't too many residents and most of them are quite old. Businesses are dying and there is not much development to bring new life to the community.

City of Calgary employees spending large amounts of the tax payers money trying to "fix China town" is the most serious issue facing it. Please stop spending my tax dollars. Please try to save money on projects like this.

More commercial development.

Maintaining the viability of the small shops and restaurants that make China Town what it is.

"Issues: deterioration of the character of the community; health of businesses; demographic trends; how to draw visitors and new residents to the community Solutions: stronger ties to sister cities in China & Taiwan; more cultural events that would appeal to a wider audience (Chinatown film festival, for example)"



Renewal, development, and retention of character.

### **Think about the future of Chinatown. What are you most worried about?**

We hope for improved public safety and also enhanced facilities, such as a C-train station, facilities for crossing the street, and speed limits

Before: 15-storey, now: 30-storey. Why? What function does it serve – this affects lighting for existing buildings - preferably all residential, with 1- to 2- storey commercial - building density (density ratio) increases, densifies, zoning changes

Additional traffic lights to help the elderly cross the road

We hope there will be more public health care facilities so it's easier for the elderly to use the public health care services

We want to keep the status quo and maintain the prosperity of Chinatown

Public safety    More secure    Theft    worry about getting beat up

Demolished    Disappear    Does not retain the characteristics of Chinatown

Still want Chinatown to be a tourist destination what we can bring people to experience (visitors)

Inconvenient to walk from one store to another

Hours of operation of the shops in Chinatown

More options in others regional shopping center i.e. TNT (family -> kids + adult accommodated)

Parking is expensive

Too crowded

Would like Bigger Chinatown

Nicer Building

There's a ghetto-ization here (no draw for Chinese families to come from elsewhere)

- we need develop to liven the place up
- low - > high rise / med. Density, even 30 story
- Bring more ppl here

Replace roadway

- need way out
- too much congestion
- control speeds up centre/Ed Trail
- need better system heading north

Too many highrises

Lack of sunshine along 2<sup>nd</sup> ave

Losing the opportunity to be one of the best Chinatowns in N.America

Losing one of the very few culturally distinctive neighbourhood

Losing the opportunity to create a destination for calgary's benefits

Seniors won't have the best place to spend their leisure time.

Losing its character

Losing its character

(chinese characters) C-Train Station (chinese characters)

It will be squeezed out by towers.

Loss of cultural/presence. Too much office/sterile development. Not enough residential space.

If you are adding density think about conditioning (re-conditioning) the walker/street user.

Some shops might move out because the rent is too high.

Application site – don't want offices – I don't want to see office windows from my balcony.

Keep the shadow bylaw, we don't want the river walk shadowed.

Having culture and food watered down

Ensure unique neighbourhood not pushed out by forces of gentrification, development pressure as Calgary grows.

I am most worried about the survival of the Chinese Artifacts Museum. I think it needs to be refreshed and given more TLC.

Think of how awesome east village is turning out. Think of the exact opposite of that. Prevent said opposite of awesomeness.

Buildings becoming even more run-down, future of restaurants/businesses, lack of parking, not well utilised or maintained parks/green spaces, loss of culture.

I'm most worried that the area by the river will look increasingly like the area north of the river – a blandly functional area with Chinese businesses but absolutely no character.

I'm worried that it will become exclusionary. That it will become Calgary's least diverse community. That it will continue to be an unsafe place for pedestrians and people who bike. I worry that Chinatown will turn into a retirement community for people of a single ethnic background and that will hurt the vibrancy of the community.

That it becomes deserted or that more businesses leave. That bad parking/driving habits affect those of us who walk through Chinatown.

Stagnation until Chinatown dies a slow death. Rotting buildings that are preserved for the sake of "history" that no one wants to work in. Becoming what East Village used to be, a place to buy drugs and prostitutes working the street. Use Vancouver Chinatown as an example.

Stagnation and creation of a form of urban ghetto if the area isn't kept maintained and developed further.

Taking the Chinese culture out of Chana town.

I worried that the area will become a "dilapidated ghost town" giving a negative image of the Chinese community.

too many non chinese relevant shops coming in. this is where I can buy basic essentials that I can't get anywhere else like herbs, vegetables etc! a good mix is needed.

Losing the cultural centre and dragon city, as i did a few lessons there, and parking, everyone will go down town more if it's easier to access parking, or less expensive , i asked a lot of people and that is the biggest issue

It will just get absorbed into the same featureless architecture of the rest of the downtown.

Some landlord will sell their property and old historic building will disappear.

That Chinatown small businesses can't compete in the modern economy. That parts of Chinatown will become ghost towns after 6pm, a problem that plagues Downtown constantly. That foot traffic will not pass through Chinatown and it will become a forgotten gem of the city.

That protecting the ethnicity of the community will provide barriers to the efficient development of surrounding communities.

Not preserving historical spaces and places

It getting run down like it currently is.

"Sky high rents for retailers: I'm guessing there's a reason why there are so few shops. In winter, it may be difficult for visitors (especially elderly or those with limited mobility) to access as you have to park and walk. Beyond favourite restaurants, what will bring locals and tourists to the district? Would love to see a healthy mix of residential, retail/restaurant, and cultural attractions.

I'm worried that Chinatown is operating as an island: for 20 years, MRU Conservatory has hosted an international summer music school, Morningside Music Bridge, that brought dozens of young musicians to Calgary> many from China. Would have been great to have the Chinatown community better connected with the event and anything else in Calgary."

stores and restaurants can't get enough customer support and move out. Chinatown is not vivid. Chinatown is replaced by other uses gradually and we would lose it eventually.

That it becomes lifeless office buildings.

There are many private landowners and businesses that do not maintain, upgrade, or lack interest in keeping their premises and common areas to a level that typical visitors or residents of Chinatown expect. If this continues, visitors to Chinatown will reduce, and interest in investing in Chinatown by developers and business owners will continue to decline.

Seniors.

I'm worried about a integral part of my childhood being sold for profit. I'm worried about people saying these run-down buildings should be replaced.

The future is exactly what the name said. CHINATOWN

Flooding, gentrification, cultural erasure, losing ground to trendy development

the owners and shop keepers not keeping the mom and pop feel and giving up and letting in larger businesses run by corporations

The lack of evolution. Old world thinking. Lack of connection to new China. Urban decay. Organized crime and illegal gambling rackets. Street crime.

The tall buildings and very commercial in nature - lose the uniqueness of Chinatown. If the liquor stores, rehabilitation Centres are allowed in Chinatown, it will ruin the quiet life of residents.

The new development will dwarf the existing buildings and that it becomes more and more like other parts of downtown.

I'm afraid Chinatown will be overshadowed by giant oil and gas buildings. Chinatown is already a small space. I'm also afraid of Chinatown becoming a diaspora, displaying only what is stereotypical of Chinese, instead of supporting a natural evolution of Chinese-Canadians.

When & if the lrt goes down thru c/town .Trying to save these old delapidated blds,would surely drive up const. costs.By wasting valuable manpoer,attempting to save bldgs ,that have run there course.

That it's going to remain - and that it will just be a cesspool full of filth and disarray (just as it is today). It's not a pretty place.

That it becomes a run-down 'ghost town' like Vancouver's Chinatown. Most worried that it would draw crime and drugs, making the area unsafe.

Asian gang crime escalating. There is a great deal of extortion happening now and nobody addresses it.

"The housing,

I've been in some of these apartments spaces in this area of town and to be honest they be better off in a detention centre. At least they'd have more room.

The spaces are extremely small ( less than 300 sq. ft. or more on some cases."

gangs, not enough lights

That it continues to become more disheveled and that it continues to feel more like an underground, rather than a modern city attraction.

That it'll be gone in 20 years. T&T in the NW and NE means many don't need to shop and eat in Chinatown.

Continued deterioration of buildings and an aesthetic look of a dingy, gloomy area of downtown that is a destination for downtown workers to have lunch and late night bar goers to get a 2am meal.

"- losing it's uniqueness

- loss of Chinese culture"

that older building being demolished to build skyscrapers

Losing the historical buildings and look. Everything repainted/gentrified/replaced with the same boring contemporary architecture that has no history that already litters the downtown.

I am worried that the area being considered as "Chinatown" is getting smaller. As buildings start to age and deteriorate, my fear is that they will be rebuilt into Condos instead of remaining as part of Chinatown. My other worry is that this area will be forgotten by the City and will become an unsafe area like many other Chinatowns in the States.

Expensive parking. This is one of the reasons as to why Eau Claire is not doing well. I also do not want to see the parks taken over by junkies.

losing that look of Chinatown, spaces are not utilized well

As a caucasian, I am worried about the elimination of Chinese culture. It appears that non-Chinese establishments have begun to push out Chinese business (e.g. Thai restaurants, ect.). We need to make this a showcase of our city, just as New York, San Francisco and Vancouver have done so.

"Criminals and vagrants, as well as vandals.

Also, low quality shops."

Lost identity and culture - no more dim sum or eateries that are ethnic to the Chinese culture. Lack of diversity and inclusion of Chinese people (becoming too "Westernized" in the offerings of Chinatown and not enough incentives for businesses to start a business there.

Lack of housing. Aging population. Lack of support for businesses.

Deterioration. That it will become more run down as the residents grow older. That it won't be accessible to a significant percentage of the population.

Cheap bland buildings that have no architectural controls and are not well kept. Tall buildings blocking out sun and views to the river and creating eye sores along river.

That it becomes assimilated and is swallowed up by the core.

My greatest fear is it will disappear to developers and become something else. As it is now, less Chinese frequent the area, or even live there. The young folk don't seem as interested in maintaining their culture.

Chinatown is dying. The old spaces will soon be taken up by marginal businesses that aren't Chinese or Asian, and any new development is big, corporate, and only has corporate tenants. Aside from a few restaurants, there will be nothing very Asian about it.

Lack of development leading to less traffic, hence deterioration as a whole for the area.

Building too large that don't integrate

**Imagine your ideal Chinatown 20 years in the future. What does it look like? How does it feel?**

Brighter at night.

A more “welcoming” atmosphere

Architectural styling appropriate to Chinatown (like Riverfront + 1<sup>st</sup> St)

Keep those street vendors they give a good cultural feel. Like you’re somewhere else

More things to do (e.g. events, historic walk/players) to pull ppl into CT for something other than food.

Places to eat and shop

More density / expand Chinatown

It needs to get with the time, it can’t always be small, short etc.

Add an arch to the Chinatown, it need a formal entrance.

More help for the elderly > people or service to bring them food fr Chinatown restaurants.

Indo site – build something, maybe a convenience store or something for kids to gather at, like basketball court. No one uses the site now. It’s empty.

Reflect more Chinese culture in feel, architecture etc.

I like it to be the same. Renovations & replacement of old buildings. No more 12 stories.

Bring in food from Asia for people to eat (a store in Chinatown). Oriental food grocery store!

A safe, vibrant space catering to residents & visitors and enhancing the commercial & cultural aspects.

More modernized, if more people come.

Lots more vibrant than it is now.

Happy the way it is.

Mixed use would be good to attract more people, such as restaurants & condos. Improve the street scape.

Maintain small merchant shops, but build new development that matches downtown w/ Asian architectural integrity

Clean, organize.

I hope it grows rather than shrinks.

Better connectivity with surrounding neighbourhoods

More shows and cultural activities

Some sort of development – Chinatown theme – commercial / or residential

Colorful, funky but clean

Noisy

busy

friendly

-Walkable, bustling, livable residential community

-Culturally distinctive

-Many interesting small dining places and shops

-Beautiful, light up at night

-Lots of visitors and tourists

-local & tourist destination

More density.

To justify buildings they'll have to be commercial or luxury residential

-costly to build

1. Transportation are convinance
2. A lot of shop

Any development would be accommodate to seniors (accessible)

We have become Canadians, so it is not necessary to set up a Chinatown. If there needs to be an activity hub, the construction is already approved but all of the Chinese shopping centers in downtown are dirty, which embarrasses me. Right now it is not the question of eliminating Chinatown but of building high-rises. If the building is too high and blocks the sun for other residents, we can discuss the height of building so that others can also enjoy the sun. This is negotiable. If you have to create a Chinese zone to distinguish between Chinese and Canadians, then go back to China - we are all Canadians!

Chinese library in Chinatown (hopefully)

Getting busier and busier. More businesses. More tasty food. Cheap stuff brings more walking traffic.

Clean

Tidiness

Take the planning policies of East village, add east Asian architecture, signage, and cultural atmosphere, plop in a few glass skyscrapers (think: Shanghai world financial centre). Also, redevelop dragon city in a

similar way that Eau Claire is being developed, but make it feel like you are actually in the heart of Saigon, Canton, or Edo (on that note, make it more of a "Little orient", with Korean, Vietnamese, and Japanese influences). Move all vehicular traffic and parking underground (do this for entire city, really), and increase bike and pedestrian friendliness. Throw in a T&T market twice the size of the one at Pacific place, plant about 10,000 genetically engineered Cherry trees (I doubt natural ones would survive long in Calgary, although, I really have no idea) along the river and in Sien Lok park. These trees would be in bloom 24/7, 365, their flowers would glow in the dark, and they could handle -60 weather. I'm serious about these trees by the way, they would be the coolest trees in the world and probably not too difficult to create with a few million dollars in funding. Also, a pagoda (properly constructed with traditional architecture, but modern materials and technology) in Sien Lok park.

Vibrant, pedestrian-friendly with lots of parks, green spaces, restaurants, shops and gathering places. Primarily smaller stores and independent restaurants that highlight Chinese culture. Chinese/Asian market-style set-up to draw tourists and visitors. Lots of mixed-use buildings (residential & commercial) that are both new & modern and gentrified, restored heritage buildings.

"There is a clear demarcation: an archway or other markers that tell you you've entered a historical neighbourhood. It's primarily a pedestrian area, with many small shops. There is a more deliberate emphasis on sharing culture and local history."

A place where all citizens feel welcome. A place that celebrates its history but is not exclusionary. A place that has a unique architectural flavour that "feels different" and encourages exploration.

"I like our current Chinatown. If it were expanded that would be great. If we could have more cultural related buildings like the Chinese cultural centre that would be wonderful. Like the Chinatown gate in Vancouver is so beautiful, that would be nice to have. I would like to see all the businesses open again with more variety. More restaurants. Please do not change all of the signs to simplified Chinese though. I am already disappointed that it seems the Chinese on this website is simplified. I assumed the majority of Chinese in Calgary could read traditional so perhaps you need to hire someone who can write this as well. Other important things: pedestrian friendly, more activity, more reasons to go to Chinatown (festivals, shops/restaurants), safe and clean"

Vibrant, new, non-vacant buildings. Lots of pedestrian traffic. Clean street vendors selling wares/food. An 80/20 mix of Asian to Western businesses.

"The empty parking lots filled in with condo towers, with the first several floors composed of vendors, similar to Toronto's (technically Markham's) Shops on Yonge. It has a mixed-use office and hotel tower, several apartment towers and a 4 story mall, purely composed of small vendors. It's not exactly a shining example of how to do things, but imagine something like that, but busy like Toronto's Pacific Mall. Chinatown will have abundant restaurants."

It feels like you are walking into another world. Cultural diversity is respect and it is not just another part of the city over run by high rises.

A beautiful pedestrian friendly area with shops and restaurants and entertainment for all Calgarians. Some structure and landmark and information to remind the public that the area is the original site of a historic Chinese community.



larger! more shops!

Im hoping more cultural unique looking buildings with more things to do, with an upbeat vibe, something to draw younger crowds in too

A modern area of the city with the Chinese cultural elements preserved.

Funding Chinese community to rebuild the New features of China town.

It looks more developed, with denser modern buildings alongside the old heritage architecture. It will feel like a fusion of old Calgary history and new modern society. I want Chinatown to be like Inglewood, historical, artistic, cultural, and popular destination.

Cleaner and modernized. Same size as today and primarily serving the Chinese community

An interface of history and tradition with modernity. Green technologies. A friend and welcoming space.

Open, inviting, embracing Canadian culture with Chinese culture.

"Vibrant dining, shopping and cultural goings-on. Great walkable spaces: would be happy to park elsewhere and walk in and have the option to be able to drive and drop off less mobile people close to the action before going off to park. Would love to see international and local film festivals, theatre, summertime night markets like Palm Springs' Thursday night market, art exhibits, pottery making, space for emerging artists to create, musical events - anything cultural, engaging and welcoming to visitors. My favourite experiences visiting Chinatown in my 46 years in Calgary include dining, shopping for exotic groceries, tea, butcher and bakery items, shopping for beautiful pottery and kitchen ware, and exploring the quaint streets. A more vibrant Chinese Cultural Centre would be great: when I've been a visitor, retail space was largely empty or shops were closed and not much was going on."

There're a variety of small unique stores that show Chinese culture. there're a variety of restaurants. the whole block is vivid and safe day and night. it attracts people to go there to experience Chinese culture, either through Chinese food, or souvenirs, or activities. it's easy to find parking.

Chinese lanterns hanging, pretty Chinese art.

"Chinatown looks bright, clean, vibrant, colorful, historic and cultural. Lots of sunshine, not overshadowed by blandness."

Chinatown would have more multi residential buildings providing a higher density of people in the area, assisting retail businesses to thrive. There would be a large Asian grocery store offering unique offerings and would be very busy. The community would include a theater to provide live theatrical performances, as well as being able to show Asian films. There would be restaurants or pubs that would have exterior patios allowing visitors to dine and enjoy its ambiance. Access to Chinatown would be enhanced by the addition of the LRT Greenline ( however it can not come down Centre Street as this would definitely affect the ambiance). There would be numerous night festival's with one of the avenues in Chinatown closed to vehicular traffic during the evening of the events. There would be a museum that visitors could enjoy and would display 100 years of Asian culture from the history of Chinatown. A unique boutique hotel where visitors can stay and enjoy Chinatown.

It is a good mix of traditional culture and commerce. It has effective gateway arches to welcome people to the district, and has a good mix of older architecture and also a few midrise towers. It has a few notable plazas around the district to bring people together.

It should still look and feel like Chinatown. Tall skyscrapers and suits don't look like Chinatown. Buildings themselves can be improved upon, such as renovations or increased accessibility, but the style, history, and culture of people there would be stay.

The future it should look and feel like... an area for the Chinese people gathering, for shopping, eating and activities.

Bigger with more shops

Similar, and the same size. Not smaller, but it would be ok if it were larger. It should feel like a city; it's an island of culture in the middle of Calgary, while still feeling Calgarian.

it keeps the unique look of China town, and has a nice selection of new and older shops and restaurants

Chinatown in 20 years to me should look like Pudong in Shanghai. This is the new World class China that everybody should be proud of. The old China is old run down and embarrassing to both the new generation Chinese and the city of Calgary. Beautiful tall futuristic skyscrapers like in Pudong would bring glory to all.

It is based on human scale and tailor to the needs of senior citizens and low income families. It should be a senior friendly neighborhood which is walkable, inexpensive residential parking rate, subsidized housing, accessible social services, many mom and pop shops and restaurants and many cultural activities that suitable for youth and old.

green space and gardens around the blocks, new buildings that fit in with the existing environment, not so tall as to dwarf the existing buildings. More art/sculptures that are asian/oriental in feel.

Walkways/bike lanes that connect to the river/Princes island park.

I imagine a Chinatown with more green space - gardens and outdoor activity areas with Chinese inspired art in whatever form they may take.

With the flood of 2013. How structurally sound are those old blds. Especially the ones facing along center st. Being a native Calgarian, change is necessary. The facsuts are old mortar & brick NOT sandstone...

The ideal Chinatown in 20 years from now? Easy - it's gone. The current Chinatown is filthy and filled with disgusting looking foods, run down buildings, and signs not in English. Get rid of Chinatown - or else build a "Little Scotland", a "Little England", a "Little Ireland", a "Little Italy", a "Little Ukraine" and other ethnic communities which are much, much more representative of the cultures which built Canada.

It would be vibrant, with restaurants and shops that draw people from all over the city, as well as a tourist destination. It would not be deserted at night. There would be ample parking, with easy access by car as well as by bike and on foot. It would be a place to stop while cycling along the river path. There would be street events weekend markets.

Clean, Safe, Photogenic, lots of underground parking under the new high-rise condos that incorporate retail on bottom 2 levels as minimum, a real Chinese mall with 10 floors of shopping in the heart of the

area complete with nice, clean, planned, well organized retail stores displaying a variety of goods and not the hodge podge of current retailers selling anything they want from food to medicine to clothes in the same store all piled up like crap.

"It should be in my opinion something that still screams China Town but a good mix of Old vs. New. Architecture should stay true to to the culture yet buildings should be ups ales to skyscrapers in order to better utilize to realist sate it currently sits on. Affordable housing, social centres, stores and shops and not to mention traditional restaurants"

A lot more lights cleaner safer and more places to just sit down and eat.

It's walkable. It's a place where you can go down on a Saturday and enjoy a nice ethnic lunch, look in shop windows and are enticed to walk in, interesting items you can't get anywhere else in Calgary, etc. When you drive from the bridge into the downtown core, it's feels like you are entering a vibrant city centre - ethnically diverse and prosperous. But most of all, it's inviting, which it is not now. It should be a destination, not someplace you travel through to get to someplace else.

It's still there. It's not a tourist trap. There are bike lanes on 1 ST SE. It feels welcoming. Better pedestrian infrastructure.

Vibrant, historical look and feel to building facades with a modern, clean look to buildings structure in the backdrop. A destination to go to with my family during weekend outdoor activities. A modern mix of interesting Shanghai-type buildings mixed with the traditional markets of old Hong Kong.

"- more modern feel while retaining traditional feel - a place where people can celebrate Chinese culture/heritage (landmarks) - a gathering place for people to engage in Chinese cultural activities (shopping, dining, celebrations) - perhaps modelled after successful practices in Vancouver/Richmond (ie. Aberdeen Centre)"

Some of the older building having the exterior re-done but still have that vintage look to them, as well as some sort of sign that's similar to the one that is in New York

The same. It feels historical, with the charm and character of its history preserved.

In 20 years I would like to see a larger space that is considered to be "Chinatown". I would like to see a space that is more dedicated to showcasing the Chinese culture and a Chinese community. I would like to see more public engagement, holding more public events so when I have kids they will be able to enjoy the benefits of having a Chinatown in our city. Business-wise I would like to see more Asian exclusive stores like they have in Richmond area in BC. Also on a personal note I'd like to see more short term free parking for when I am picking up items quickly in the area.

Cleaner, safer, less congested with parks to be enjoyed by all.

Modernized but keeping the Asia flare. Outside Asian flare, inside modern and spaces are used well

"Vibrant, colourful, proud, bold. Learn from the exciting Chinatown themes in New York, San Francisco, and Vancouver. Bold, massive, colourful gates leading into Chinatown. A Chinese shopping and culinary adventure. A world class Chinese garden. Somewhere that is on the bucket list of tourists visiting Calgary."

"Lots of colors, music and street vendors. It should feel like home to Chinese urbanites and be more of an attraction for the rest of the city and its tourists. It should feel safe and alive, ""lucky""."

A place of cultural diversity but inclusive of the young and the old. Seeing a place for seniors to gather where the heritage can be maintained and past down to the younger generations (ie. playing Chinese chess/checker games or card games). Arts and music are an integral part of the Chinese culture and would be great to incorporate it (not just the instruments of yesteryear but new age music too). It should have more green space and more inviting with better lighting (alleys are ridiculously dark and no green space to sit) and parking. Should have programming for all ages (learn Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Japanese, Thai, etc.) and have more festivals (Taste of Asia).

Very walkable. Outdoor markets. Lots of residences and restaurants.

Vibrant and well kept space. A place where locals can live happily and share their culture, and the rest of Calgary can enjoy and celebrate.

Family oriented. Small businesses. Street scale that is pedestrian friendly.

It needs to be welcoming, feel clean and diverse, modern with traditional touches. Blending old and new. And it needs to serve the Chinese community

"Includes a park of Asian design that is an oasis within Chinatown A T&T type market to draw more people Encourage more Asian shops to ensure there are the herbalists, bakeries, tea, clothing....that exist today. Restaurants, cafes, places to go to hear/see Chinese entertainment....some of this exists now Additional easy parking or easy access. Living quarters for young and old of quality Asian design Chinese medicine facilities A community that encourages Chinese people to keep their culture alive Sites to practice Asian religions Architecture and street design that is Chinese Art galleries Bilingual street signs..English/Chinese, and if you want to get picky...also French. Walking the streets we will feel like we have travelled to China without that long flight."

Chinatown is a mix of old buildings and new development. Its shops and residents keep people on the streets at all hours of the day. The character of the area is distinctively Asian (lamp posts, lanterns, banners, red colour, etc.)

Urban village with concentrated population of Chinese commercial/retail and multi-residential.

Combination of business, shops integrated with residential

### **As Calgary evolves, how can we plan for changes in Chinatown while preserving the character of the community?**

Don't put a Western spin on it –it shouldn't feel like suburban retail

Better organization should be easier to navigate

Brighten up buildings

-fresh paint

- Clean/maintained  
outside should look nice to attract ppl

More inclusive

Small front shop stores are important

Design guidelines / architectural controls to ensure new developments embrace character of neighbourhood.

East of Centre St buildings need new / upgraded interior w/ existing facades kept

Why not a building on the lot that's apt. w/ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Asian garden e.g. Van Sney Lok gardens

Need to keep Chinatown intact. Multi-culturalism is key to Calgary.

Get the people who built the cultural ctr to build a public cultural garden & religious site on the application parking lot.

The existing Chinese characters

Do not sacrifice traditional look and do not give in on required residential development.

Balance of characters & developments. New development might Chinese characters through design.

As authentic as possible a Chinese, Hong Kong style casino development.

Roads → smoother → cleaner    Safety → more police → who understand Cantonese, Mandarin

Retain Chinese Canadian history in Chinatown so that future generations can also continue to pass on this history.

C-Train → Chinatown

We hope to have C-Train → can be in Chinatown

Retain existing buildings            Streets are too narrow

(Height is not such a big problem and has little impact since [Chinatown is] close to the central business district and is adjacent to those buildings

We need more unified planning

Buildings in Chinatown should not be too tall

1 Maintain Chinatown's unique character    2 Buildings should not be too tall    3 Improve traffic → limit traffic flow

Chinatown's business district needs to be improved    Too shabby and messy    Should match the surrounding development

Maintain the status quo            Buildings should not be too tall → buildings should have more Chinese Characteristics

Cleaner          Safer          More secure

Maintain the status quo

Maintain the status quo Safer    Maintain Chinatown's unique character

Maintain the status quo while paying attention to street sanitation

Display signs with Chinese language      Chinese and English bilingual public signage      Present elements of Chinese culture

Incorporate more elements of Chinese culture into streetscapes and buildings to reflect the Chinese culture and introduce good Chinese moral values and philosophies of life.

Maintain a clean feeling, retain land-use for grocery shopping, and add some contemporary features to change the impression of out-datedness.

Car Park, Restaurant, Symbol, Night market Festival, Plus 15

More parking. More restaurants. More cultural symbols such as arches, lions, murals, night market festival. Too few Chinese shows. More Plus 15 skywalks for convenience in the winter

I want Canadianized version of China, not China in Canada

Respect culture not to the exclusion of Canadianization

Would like to hear Chinese music throughout the streets @ traffic high times

Livable and walkable residential community

Great retail strategy to encourage/support interesting mom & pop diners

Add lights and Asian streetscape

Safe & clean

Accessible – sort out parking issues to make it convenient to shop, dine & visit

Keep its cultural characteristics

Subway for Green Line

(Chinese characters) C-Train -> (Chinese characters) Chinatown

I have a possibly controversial political suggestion for this question and will be getting in touch with city staff, in person, later today, to discuss.

Restore/modernise buildings, provide more areas for parking nearby, consider adding more pedestrian space or partially pedestrianising part of Chinatown (i.e. no vehicles from noon to 9 pm on weekdays)

and from 11 am - 10 pm on weekends). Add more mixed use buildings (commercial, residential). Better advertise/capitalise on cultural/language courses and events offered at the Chinese Cultural Centre.

Involve community leaders, historians and other cultural experts in developing dense, progressive, pedestrian-friendly infrastructure that preserves and highlights the area's character as a complement to Calgary's modernity.

Allow for more housing of all manners of affordability. Create a set of architectural standards. Encourage cultural expression and sharing that is rooted in heritage and modern multi-culture.

I think you're doing the right thing. Asking the community and also thinking about the future of Chinatown. I have lived in Calgary for over 30 years and I think our Chinatown is pretty good as it is. Just a bit of a face lift for some of the buildings and attracting more business/restaurants would be great. I like that it's near the river.

Character is created by the people, not the buildings. Buildings need to be demolished and new ones must be built to take their place. Less restrictions on what can and cannot be done must be relaxed.

Mandate any future high-rise developments have at least the first two floors available for food and shops. Limit the amount of food courts.

Work with the residents of Chinatown to maintain their culture and still allow for expansion.

Relax the building restrictions enabling all stakeholders equal opportunities to redevelop the area. The City of Calgary should lead/cofund structures to commemorate the area's Chinese heritage but should deter all low cost residential or commercial developments as it's not coherent with the nature of this core prime downtown location.

keeping elements like lights, garbage cans, street furniture in line with the theme. working with the Chinese museum to document Chinatown's history and projecting the history onto local public art. Finding other green spaces where Chinese pastimes can be played i.e. tai chi, Chinese checkers, Chinese chess etc.

Having more unique looking exteriors, that keep the character, on the older looking buildings that need to be upgraded,

Hire an architect to build more Chinese cultural design

Preserve the Chinese-Canadian heritage of the neighbourhood. Redevelop the street architecture to include more trees (such as cherry blossoms) and benches and street signage that feel like a Chinatown.

Define Chinatown and plan for a phased visual transition over a block or so as one leaves Chinatown.

I think planning into incorporating user friendly spaces that allow people to hang out and interface with the community

Keep art pieces that are currently displayed in integrate them into the new buildings.

Engage the Chinatown community as you are likely already doing.

work with local businesses to develop strategies to maintain and improve their viability. add more residential use and increase residential density. improve urban design, at least using some design features to represent Chinese heritage somehow.

"Stay true to place making principles of urban design with a strong Asian Cultural Flare!

Pedestrian focus, local cultural business focus and investment."

Developers, Business Owners, Chinatown Community, and City Planners have to work together on a revised Area Redevelopment Plan that will make it feasible for developers to construct buildings in excess of the existing 15 story height restriction. The building heights will have to take in to account the shading of the Bow River, and the floor plate sizes can not be too large to allow sunlight to be able to permeate throughout Chinatown. As well the developments should be visibly appealing and contain Asian Motifs at the main floor level. Include plazas where people can congregate and visit.

Dialogue.

Involve actual Chinese Canadian locals in the continuous acts of decision-making. Talk to the young people who will be the ones to live in the future of Chinatown.

Chinatown should remain it's own character that are for the Chinese to enjoy, we don't need changes.

Keep heritage style buildings and upgrade them

Look to community leaders within chinatown, maintain buildings rather than knock them down, prioritize cultural significance over new development.

very difficult to do..

Public information campaigns about old China being obsolete. Rezoning run down decayed section of downtown for towering futuristic skyscrapers. Condemning old buildings. Shutting down illegal casinos. Market newly zoned properties to high end Chinese developers similar to Vancouver.

The original ARP gives a good plan for the future of Chinatown.

Preserve the old buildings in Chinatown, when new buildings are built it cannot dwarf the existing ones or block its sight lines. Preserve green space or build more community gardens with more oriental touches. Encourage more asian/chinese restaurants and shops in the area.

For me, preserving a pleasant skyline is import for Chinatown. If the space feels confining and shadowed, it won't be welcoming.

Run the Greenline right through the middle of it - it'll help to break it up, and get rid of it.

Consider changing the zoning to increase density for residential, retail and office space, but requirirng developers promote the cultural feel of Chinatown in their designs.



If you are calling derelict buildings and general filth character then forget it. Raise property taxes on old/derelict buildings still standing to encourage wrecking ball demo and rebuild like Kensington/Inglewood etc. The place needs more living space like East Village

"Everything that's our city has come to enjoy and to uphold the traditional spaces should be done.

Yet again we should bring the area into this era and utilize the real estate and build up new tower/skyscrapers that have affordable housing, shops, restaurants social centres etc.

Old with the new.

Updating the area in a big way but giving it the authentic traditional architecture"

fix up the builds like you did on 8th ave

The right architecture is key, of course. You need to expand the sidewalks and make it more inviting. You have to attract businesses that appeal to both Asian Canadians and non-Asian Canadians. It should be a place for everyone. Right now when you go down there, the shops and streets feel dirty. Design commercial space so store owners/managers present a more inviting first impression.

Consultation. But also "Chinatown" whatever that means, needs to realize it has to evolve too. And that parking isn't the solution to their problems.

Traditional looking facades, interior/exterior markets with the traditional Chinese look and feel while at the same time keeping pace with modern, exciting changes to other areas of downtown, ie East Village.

The way it is now doesn't work, if it takes new development to reimagine Chinatown then let's take a look at it. Perhaps new development needs to include incorporating element of Chinese culture or providing space for Chinese retailers/community spaces.

Build around it without changing what's already in it. Leave Calgary some kind of history.

I do not have a degree in urban planning nor do I work for the city, so I am not sure if these are possible. But ideally I would like to see expansion and beautification of the area and making it more visitor friendly in order to generate more income in the area, that way we are able to financially maintain a larger space. Also the city needs to help out of the cleanliness of the area.

Upgrade infrastructure and enlarge the roads while maintaining the heritage eg Chinese characters, architecture, decorations, replicas of dragons or the Great Wall ...

"Any changes to infrastructure or buildings should simply be made to look as though they belong there.

Barring that, the needs of the many supercede the needs of the few."

Create green spaces and more activities which will have people coming into the area. Get corporate sponsorships from the downtown area to help with the revitalization of Chinatown and make the Cultural Centre more inviting with meeting rooms, catering, etc.

Encourage a mixture of housing values and support small businesses, with a focus on East Asian immigrants.

Work with the current residents. Listen to what is important to the upcoming generation, both of Chinese and non-Chinese descent.

Can it take over the Eau Claire area?

Can't allow new commercial buildings to be built. Invest in new community buildings to serve those living and using the space. Create an atmosphere where calgsrians want to go visit this place after 5pm. And make it attractive to the youth so they want to go to Chinatown. And make it feel safe for all citizens

Include transit lines now.

We need to think carefully about the things that make Chinatown special and find ways to incorporate this into new development.

Relax zoning restrictions to encourage development. Provide incentives (cash, zoning, or otherwise) for Chinese investment or Chinese cultural specific uses of the land/space.

Integrated planning, don't add a project that can be placed in other locations